(c) The Government have adopted the approach of integrating elements of values in the existing subjects and co-curricular activities. As regards the meeting of the challenge of foreign TV network, it is a wider issue related to media policy. The NCERT has been producing audio-visual educational programmes aimed at promoting value orientation;

Increase in Exploitation of Women and Children

2150. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of exploitation of women and children particularly the female children are on the increase;

(b) if so, what are the details of action plan initiated to combat this menace;

(c) whether Government have launched any new scheme for the welfare of women and children;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for this scheme; and

(e) by when this scheme is scheduled to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESHMENT): (a) No statistical data is available to ascertain the trend in cases of exploitation of women and children particularly the female children.

(b) In order to combat this problem, Government has taken steps in the area of legislation, legal literacy, counselling and enforcement of various laws relating to women and children. The National Commission for Women has been set up with the main task to study and monitor all matters relating to the constitutional and legal safeguards provided for women to review the exisingg legislation and sugest amendments A scheme "Welfare of Street Children" has been launched during 1993-94 under which children who are victims of abuse and exploitation are given priority.

(c) to (e) The Government of India has launched the undermentioned new schemes for the welfare of women and children;

(i) *Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK)*:

The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has been set up as a registered society under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860 in March, 1993 for providing credit through the inter-mediation of NGOs and other regional organisations with flexible system suited to local conditions to the women borrowers mainly in the unorganised sector. A Corpus Fund of Rs. 31 crores has been sanctioned to the Rashtriya Mahila Kosh as grant-in-aid dur-1992-93.

(ii) *Mahila Samriddhi Yojana* (MSY):

Under the Mahila Samriddhi Yojana which is a Central Sector Plan scheme, every rural adult women is encouraged to have an MSY account of her own in the local post office. She can deposit in instalments in multiplies of Rs. four upto a maximum of Rs. 300 in a year. Deposits with a lock-in period of 12 months shall earn her interests at the rate of 25 per cent subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 in a year. Two withdrawals of a minimum of Rs. twenty are allowed in a year. An allocation of Rs. 10.50 crores has been approved in the revised estimates for 1993-94 for MSY. The scheme has been launched on 2 October, 1993 through the network of post offices in rural areas. Upto 30.11.1993, 1,86,094 MSY accounts with total deposits of Re. 2,04,78.195 were opened.

(iii) *Welfare of Street Children*:

This scheme has been launched during the current Financial Year. Under this scheme, priority target group from amongst street children are those who are victims of abuse and exploitation. Special attention is given to girls. The

scheme is currently being implemented by 40 NGOs from eleven most populous States. There is a proposal to extend the scheme to twelve more cities with million-plus population Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 1.27 crores has been sanctioned so far.

(iv) *Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme*:

A new Child Survival and Safe Motherhood Project (CSSM) is under implementation since 1992-93. It involves sustaining the high coverage levels achieved under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) in good performing areas and strengthening the programme in areas where the coverage is still not satisfactory. It was started in a phased manner with 21 districts in 1992-93. Another 31 districts have been taken up in 1993-94. The CSSM Programme approved for a period of 7 years with an outlay of Rs. 1125.58 crores, is being supported by UNICEF and the World Bank. The approved outlay for the programme in the 8th Plan has been kept at Rs. 633.00 crores. During the year 1992-93, the estimated cash and commodity assistance to the States/UTs has been calculated at Rs. 100.73 crores. For the year 1993-94, the Programme has been provided with an outlay of Rs. 125 crores.

(v) *Scheme of Adolescent Girls*:

A special scheme has been sanctioned in 507 blocks of the country to look after the Health, Nutrition, Education, Literacy and Vocational Training needs of school drop-out adolescent girls in the age group of 11 years to 18 years. When fully operationalised, it is likely to benefit 4.5 lakh girls.

(vi) *National Plan of Action for Children*:

In order to implement the World Summit goals, the Department of Women and Child Development has prepared a National Plan of Action for Children. The National Plan of Action for the SAARC Decade of the Girl Child (1991-2000) has also been formulated for the survival, protection and development of the girl child. The Plan of Action advocates policies and programmes of both 'Advocacy' and 'Action' with the ultimate objective of building up of a better future for the Girl Child with a positive image.

(vii) *Gender Sensitization through Media*:

To sensitize planners, policy makers and the enforcement machinery, the Department of Women and Child Development has taken a few initiatives for widespread gender sensitization programmes through media.

Assam Academy Complex

2151. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide monetary assistance for the construction of the Assam Academy Complex in Guwahati for ressearch of the archaeological and cultural heritage of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total cost involved in the construction of the Complex and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to set up a Multi-purpose Cultural Complex named Shrimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati, for strengthening the cultural heritage of the North East, Region, with Central Government assistance of Rs. 10.00 crores to be spread over a period of four years commencing from 1993-94, under the Assam Accord.

Discovery of antiques near Narela in Delhi

2152. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rich variety of antiques ranging between period of 1000